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GOVERNMENT OF TRIPURA TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT

No.F.28(1)-TRANS/2004(L)(V-1)/306

Dated, Agartala, the 26th April, 2021.

NOTIFICATION

In exercise of the power conferred by sub-section (1) of Section 67 of the Motor Vehicle Act, 1988, the Governor of Tripura is pleased to direct the State Transport Authority to re-fix the rate of the fare for the **Stage Carriage bus services** within the State of Tripura at the rate and in the manner as elaborated below.

2. Recognising the need for faster transport to the destinations, a separate category of 'Express' services is introduced. It is also recognised that such Express services may not have full occupancy given that they run from point to point except for intermediate stoppages. As such the fare for the Express services is separately fixed. The conditions for operating Express and Normal services may be seen at Annexure A of this notification.

3. Every bus, after issue of this notification shall apply to the State Transport Authority (STA) of the proposed timings at the origin and destination permit for each day of the week/holiday. They should also indicate whether such operation will be serving as Ordinary or Express service. If operating as Express service, the proposed stoppages with time should be mentioned for the intermediate locations. Buses having valid permits may continue to ply as 'Normal' services under the existing permit condition till further modification. However, they too are recommended to apply for fresh permit with time schedule in order to integrate with the rest of the services. For all other buses whose permits have expired and those buses seeking fresh permits, the provisions of this notification will apply.

4. Considering the need for public transport in early morning and late evenings and factoring limited passenger load during such hours, additional night fare of 20% in each category is allowed between 8 pm to 6 am. No separate fares are allowed for Express services in the night hours even though they may be operating in such manner.

5. In order to encourage public transport to hill areas and considering higher fuel consumption and maintenance cost, besides limited passenger load, higher fare is permitted in the following hill routes of the State for the Small and Mini buses

(i) Kanchanpur to Vangmun

(ii) Jatanbari to Mandirghat

6. For buses that may be part operating in hill area as mentioned above and part in plain area, differential rates will apply for the respective length of journey.

7. Every bus shall display the fare chart at prominent places at the entrance of the bus, inside the buses etc. Such fare structure shall be approved by the STA and will also be displayed in the Website of Transport Department and in prominent places in the motor stands.

8. The rate of fare for Stage Carriage – Passenger Bus Services in Rs. per passenger km shall be as follows.

Sl. No.	Category of Buses	Normal Services	Express Services	Night Fares	Hill area
1.	Ordinary Bus (42 Seater and above)	0.73	0.84	0.88	-
2.	Mini Bus	0.90	1.04	1.08	1.20
3.	Small Bus (18 Seater and below)	0.95	1.09	1.14	1.45
4.	AC Bus (Ordinary)	1.22	1.22	1.22	1.22

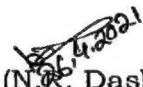
Note: Mini Bus is other than 'Ordinary' and 'Small' Bus

The minimum fares for ordinary and mini buses is Rs.10/-, for small buses Rs.15/- and for AC buses is Rs.20/-.

9. In order to avoid small change problem between the passengers and conductors, fares will be rounded off to the next multiple of Rs.5/-. However, for all e-transactions, it should be rounded to the next multiple of Rs.1/-. For this purpose, all buses shall make arrangements for enabling e-transactions. Further, they should issue tickets, which can be e-tickets as well. For those vehicles, that do not install such e-transaction facility or do not have such functioning system post installation, till such time, it is installed / functional as the case may be, rounding off will be to the lower multiple of Rs.5/-.

10. The rates fixed above may be treated as maximum rate and will be effective from the date of issue of this notification. This is issued in supersession of the earlier notification dated, 9th July & 24th July, 2018.

By order of Governor


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Under Secretary,
Transport Department

Annexure A

Condition for operating Passenger Service Buses

- 1) A bus could operate as Normal service or Express service. Timings for each trip should be pre specified for both Normal and Express services. The timings should be strictly adhered.
- 2) At the time of registration/ permit issuance/ renewal/ fitness check, Fitment of functional device for GPS and emergency button shall be installed. The adherence of timings shall also be monitored on the basis of the same.
- 3) Express /Normal services, as the case may be, should be clearly indicated on the front, sides and back of the buses based on the service of operation.
- 4) STA shall ensure maintenance of proper mix of such services with at least 75% services in the Normal services category.
- 5) For Express services, one stoppage is permitted for around 30 km of travel. The stoppage can be any pre-approved stoppage but not less than 15 km from the starting or destination point. The stoppage for express services has to be necessarily in the motor stand and not on the road side bus stop. Permits will be issued with the enroute stoppages along with the timings thereto.
- 6) City buses can operate as Express or Normal services.
- 7) For existing Buses with permits, unless specifically approved by the State Transport Authority, they shall not ply as Express service.
- 8) A maximum of 5 minute stoppage is permitted at any intermediate motor stand. However, for distances in excess of 150 km, a health / tea break of upto 20 minutes is also permitted at any intermediate stoppage that should roughly corresponding to a mid location.
- 9) Timings for each and every bus should be obtained from the STA Board. The said timings will be indicated in the Transport Department Website as well as in the motor stand for convenience of the passengers. Scheduled time of departure for each service should also be displayed on the bus, along with the category of service – Normal or Express.
- 10) Fare chart for Normal/ Express / Night service shall be displayed at multiple places in the bus and will also be made available in the website of Transport Department. It should also be displayed prominently in the Motor Stand.